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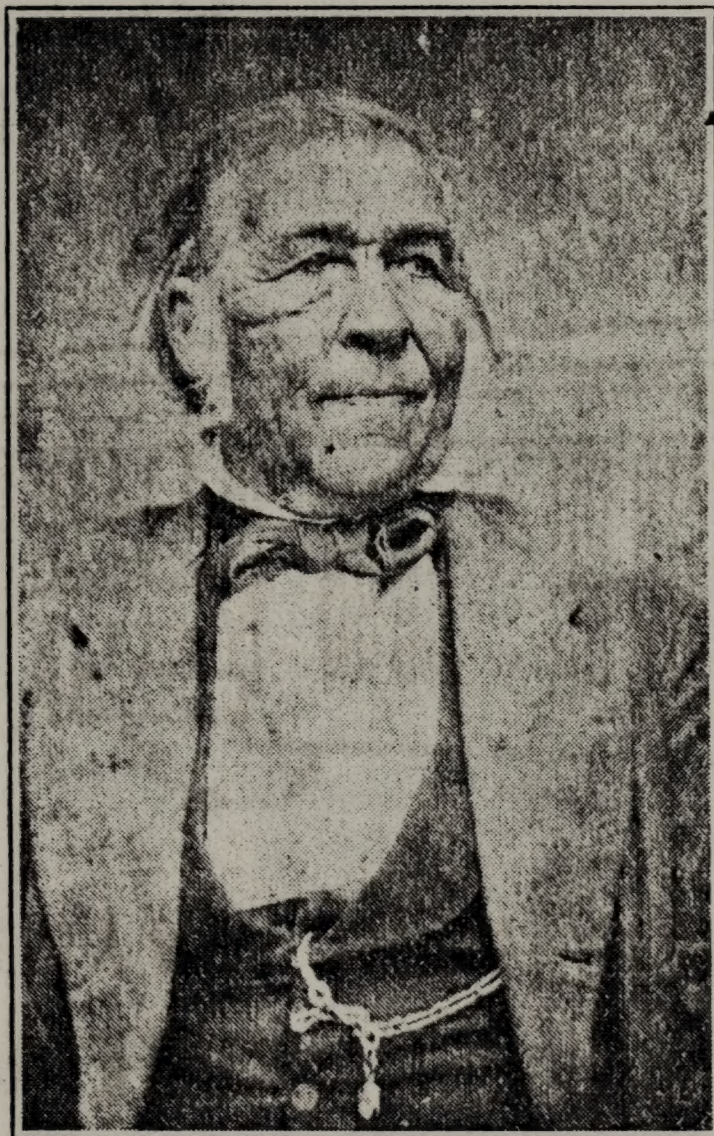
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DORENDO BATEMAN PARROTT

“The life of ages lives in me,
The way they went is where I trod;
The One they worshipped is our God;
Where fell the rose, its seedlings nod.”

FROM “MY PRAYER” BY GENE FOWLER.

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FOREWORD

THE FACTS herein presented were collected by Oswell Chase Brown, over a period of thirty years, through correspondence, and from personal interviews and search of records. Two interviews with "Aunt Lizzie Wheeler" at her home in Denver were particularly fruitful. Dora Brown Conner contributed invaluable assistance since she had spent some time among the families at Holton, Kansas, and had ever an interest in collecting and preserving bits of family history and tradition. It is to be regretted that some of the family records are not more nearly complete; some are given in greater detail not because of greater importance, but because for those given more briefly, further information was lacking. It is unavoidable that some omissions and errors have been made; we have seriously and earnestly sought to avoid such blunders. And finally, the work of compiling this history has been indeed a labor of love, which we dedicate to all the children of our family, from the little lass who watched her father's sheep by the Bay of Chaleur to Bobby Jean at her dancing class; from the little barefoot boy picking up beautiful stones in the Walhonding River, to the calm-eyed youth watching the landing of the mailplane at Cleveland; to all the children of our family in any time and any place, this story of their family is dedicated.

G. H.

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Parrott and Brown Families

JOHN PARROTT, born at Bandon, County Cork, Ireland, March 1, 1794; emigrated to New Brunswick, Canada, in or about 1816; died in Holton, Kansas, June 18, 1879.

GEORGE BROWN, born in England; emigrated to Maryland, United States, prior to year 1743, on which date he received patent to his land; died on his landed estate, "Brown's Delight" in Carroll County, Maryland, in 1767.

OHIO, in the year 1840 and following, was a land of youth and opportunity. The necessary taming of the wilderness with its final routing of native Indian tribes, and the period of unprofitable pioneering, were now definitely accomplished. Completion of the Erie Canal in 1825 brought New York and a world market but seven days from Buffalo, and reduced the cost of shipping a ton of freight from \$100 to \$15. With this wide open market for products of agriculture, a different type of emigrant began pouring into the Ohio country. These were substantial citizens from the older states, men with some capital, small or large, to invest in making a beginning in the new country; men who were seeking not only a sustenance from the soil, but whose enterprise and ambition extended to erecting a commonwealth which should hold for their progeny all the opportunities and advantages of established communities in the eastern states. They meant not only to build estates for their families, but to provide schools, colleges and churches as well. They came, these men, trained in agriculture, to these fertile new acres where their labor would yield many times the returns of older and smaller fields in New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, even New Brunswick, from whence indeed came the

Parrotts and Batemans, seeking as much religious freedom as homes in a land of greater opportunities. These men did not as a rule build log structures by their own hands. They could and did buy lumber, hire builders and workmen. Mills began to turn along the streams; the sounds of industry were heard. To serve them came also over the "National Trail", smithes, turners, cobblers, coopers, and in turn came also, preachers, teachers and professional men. Within a couple of decades since the opening of the Erie Canal Ohio changed from a sparsely settled backwoods frontier to a land teeming with industrial activities.

In the year 1846, near the forks of the Muskingum River in the heart of the Ohio country, where but a little more than a half century before the Delawares had opposed the rising white tide, the enterprising citizens of the little new hamlet of West Bedford erected the West Bedford Academy, to provide higher education for the girls and boys of Coshocton County. It was a large two-story frame building, dignified and identified by the large belfry which rose at the front. Qualified instructors were secured from the east. In the years preceding the development of the high school system in Ohio, the West Bedford Academy ranked high as a college preparatory department, drawing students from the neighboring towns of Roscoe and Coshocton, as well as from the smaller villages in the county.

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During these years a tall, slender, dark-eyed youth was growing up on his father's farm in Jefferson County in the eastern part of the state. The oldest son of Stephen Brown and his wife, Sarah Kinney Brown, young Brown showed less blood of the cavalier Browns of Maryland than the sober good judgment of his Lyon forebears, or the intellectual traits of the bookish Kinneys. Life on his father's farm proved too great a tax on the health of the delicate boy, and his uncle Arthur Brown interceding in his behalf, it was arranged that George should spend some time at Madison College in Western Pennsylvania to fit himself for a life less arduous than farming.

Many years later, Hortense Brown Overholser, a daughter of George Brown, wrote of this period in her father's life:

"The uncle, Arthur Brown, succeeded in putting the boy on his feet, but he was never robust. He found that he must take up work where bodily strength was not demanded. He developed a proficiency in penmanship which was unusual in those days. He would go about the country on foot, and get permission of the school trustees to hold a writing school of nights in the country school houses. The pupils were recruited from the young people of the neighborhood. He charged a reasonable fee for a term of so many lessons. He was saving and made a neat sum. I have heard him tell that he walked and taught in Western Pennsylvania as far as Washington, Pennsylvania. His sister Sarah had married Charles F. Moore in Jefferson County and they had moved to Coshocton County in 1846, so George came to West Bedford, holding writing classes as he came and gradually working his way to West Bedford. He secured permission to organize a class in the West Bedford Academy in the evenings. The class was unusually large and one of the pupils was Lorinda Parrott, daughter of John Parrott of Warsaw. With George it was love at first sight, not so however with Lorinda, who was inclined to laugh at the young teacher's advances. He would try to walk with her to her boarding house after class, when she, quite aware of his approach, would edge between two girl companions, and thus the group would proceed, the three girls arm in arm, and the devoted young man following at their heels. I've heard her laugh more than once about that. She was a mischief. It was his habit to offer a prize for the greatest improvement. One may easily surmise who won the prize for that term of lessons. I remember it well, a framed pen and ink drawing by the teacher himself. Quite well done, too, for any time, remote or modern. They were married at her farm home near Warsaw, Coshocton County, in October, 1854. My father put some of his savings into buying a lot in West Bedford on which there was a good log house, the rest he put into his brother-in-law's mercantile business, and thus began the family life of my father and mother. Some of the traits of your grandmother (Hor-

tense is writing to a daughter of her brother, Oswell Chase Brown) were intense love of her home, modesty, truthfulness, retiring nature with no love for display, a great sense of duty, devotion to her children, industrious. Of little less than average size, she had very fair skin, gray-blue eyes, and bright brown hair. She had a keen Irish humor, and a hearty laugh. Her life was well rounded, though she did not attain great age. She passed on Feb. 19, 1900. Your father and the next two children were born in the log house. Then father built the "new house", about 1860; it was a story and a half with six rooms. The other six brothers and sisters were born in this house."

In writing briefly of her mother in a letter to her niece and with no thought that her words would find their way into print, Hortense does not mention one of the characteristics of her mother which she inherited from her father, the ability and the habit of expressing herself in rhyme. Gene Fowler, a grandson of Elizabeth Parrott Wheeler, sister of Lorinda, writes in appreciation of the verses which his grandmother often received by way of correspondence from her sister. Gene says:

"Of all the children (of John Parrott), I believe that your grandmother, Lorinda, was generally held in the highest esteem. This, I was told, was because of her innate sweetness of character and her great talents. Given another era and an audience less hide-bound or religion-ridden, and I believe she would have flowered as one of the foremost of our women writers. Certainly, such examples of her verses as I have seen bear out that she had a true lyrical ear and imagination of the first flight.

* * * Her entire life was one of blameless and generous lustre. She was modest and unassuming, and in her poetry her themes were of pleasant pastoral scenes or devout ecstasies. Again, in her writings were touching remembrances of her childhood, of her mother and her girlhood associations. Many of her writings were published in the "Democrat," (Coshocton County newspaper), and some in the "Christian Union". Her last known verse was the following, which was read by the Rev. D. L. Edwards at the funeral services:

“When I shall have come to the brink of the river,
Be silent, loved ones, while I wait for my Guide.
Keep back the vain tears—let not thy lips quiver,
Lest you sadden the spirit that outward doth glide.
And when I have launched on the life-chilling River,
I ask that no weeping be heard at my side,
While the spirit goes forth to the care of the Giver,
In the heavenly home to forever abide.”

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Lorinda Parrott, wife of George Brown, was one of the family of John Parrott who came from New Brunswick in 1838 and settled near Warsaw in Coshocton County, Ohio. A key to the history of the Parrott family is contained in a letter written by John Parrott to his son, preserved by Dora Brown Conner, of Denver, and loaned to her brother, O. C. Brown, in 1916. The following is a true copy:

GRANDFATHER JOHN PARROTT'S LETTER

Holton, April 18, 1870.

MY DEAR SON:

You desire to know something of my history, and that of my ancestors. As to the latter, I can trace them no further back than the days of King William the Third, Duke of Normandy. The first of my ancestors, Karey Parrott by name, came over from England with William of Orange as an officer, and helped whip the rebel Irish at the Battle of the Boyne. For his services in that war he received a large amount of land on the Eastern coast of Ireland; the tradition in the family—seven and a half plow lands, the precise number of acres I cannot give, but it must be large; but it did us no good from the fact that a squanderer of a son named William Kearry, spent all the property except one half plow land that one daughter got as a portion; the rest of the family had to get their living like Adam's posterity when driven out of Eden.

The branch of our extensive family with whom I am more immediately connected by name, Richard Parrott, my grandfather, Matthew Parrott, my father, both born near Bandon,

County Cork, Ireland. Both my ancestors lived and died on the same premises. Myself and my brother Matthew occupied the same until we left for America.

Now commences a new scene. I settled in the province of New Brunswick and commenced clearing the forest. Here I found that it was not good that man should be alone. I found a helpmeet in all points, one from my native land, from my immediate neighborhood; one that could handle the distaff and one that her children would rise up to call her blessed. Besides our religious sentiments were the same—old fashioned Methodists over fifty years.

You want to know my age—22 years in my native land and 22 years in New Brunswick, and about 22 years in Ohio, and about 12 years in Kansas. Mamma is 72. You want to know my father's age—63; and when he died—1813.

All my ancestors as far as I know were of the Protestant Episcopal Church. If you want to have any other particulars, write and you shall be gratified. Excuse my way of doing business, and I believe you would if you were to know one half the pain I have in my right arm, and how dull my ideas are. I must stop. Write soon.

(Signed) JOHN PARROTT, SR.

(P. S.) Well, John, I do not know your reason for requesting such minute detail of our ancestry. Your forefathers from your mother's side were a race of high church men of the Protestant Episcopal Church; an industrious and well doing people, and great opposers of the tyrannical Church of Rome, down from the Reformation, originally from William's army. But I got a good Methodist from among them. Now John, as to the date of the Battle of the Boyne, I do not remember, as I have not the history of England by me, but I think it was about the middle of the 17th century; look and see. The perusal will pay as William was to the Protestants of Ireland what Washington was to America.

The family here are all well. Matthew is living in his new house. Victor and Susie have removed to their mansion. Dolly and myself are left alone. Write soon. Mother joins me in love to all.

(Signed) JOHN AND DOLLY PARROTT.

The girl who thus fulfilled the requirements of the youthful John Parrott was Dorendo Bateman, the daughter of Matthew Bateman and his wife, Sarah Sutton Bateman, who had come from the same neighborhood in Ireland, and who, it is said, made the passage to the new country in the same sail boat which brought the Parrotts. With the John Parrott letter as a clue, O. C. Brown, oldest son of Dorendo Parrott Brown, traced the families of Bateman and Parrott back to Ireland, and established that the Batemans as well as the Parrotts had come to Ireland with William of Orange, and are land holders in County Cork.

Upon arrival in New Brunswick the Bateman families settled near St. Johns, while the Parrotts cleared land near Bathurst on the Bay of Chaleur. Their cottage was on the shore of the bay, so near that from the door a magnificent view of the bay was to be had, a memory which never faded from the minds of the children, even that of little Dorendo (later called Lorinda), who was but four years old when the family removed to Ohio. Lorinda often wrote and spoke of this childhood picture, her father's flock of sheep on the greensward before the cottage and in the background the "beautiful Bay of Chaleur".

This pleasant cottage home was saddened and darkened by the tragic death of the firstborn, Matthew, a boy whose death proved his worth. The children were playing on the beach near their home, under the edge of the overhanging cliff. Suddenly Matthew saw a huge boulder slipping downward and that one of the younger children was in its path. He leaped to the child and pushed it out of danger, but in doing so was himself struck down. The screams of the children brought their uncle Matthew Parrott, who was working nearby in the clearing. He picked up the boy and ran with him to the house, but death had been instantaneous. Other children came into the home, but none was as gentle or as beloved as Matthew. Another son was born a few years later, and he was given the name of Matthew in remembrance of the little lad who had given his life for another.

Another memory of the cottage home in the clearing by the Bay of Chaleur was the unwelcome visits of Indians. One occasion impressed itself upon the minds of the children and the

story was often retold. William was a baby, a chubby little fellow at his mother's knee. The father of the family was absent from home on a business trip which required several days. It was dusk in the evening when Grandmother Parrott heard a tapping at the window. The frightened little family saw there looking in, the faces of several Indians in paint and feathers. The Indians then came in the door and began looking about at what they could find. They soon located flour, meal, sugar and bacon, which they appropriated. An Indian approached Grandmother Parrott where she sat in terrified silence, holding her baby close to her. The Indian took hold of one of the baby's fat little legs and circled it with his knife as though contemplating cutting it off, however not hurting Baby Will in the least. When the Indian saw the agonized fright of the mother he laughed, and surprised her by saying in English, "Me no hurt boy! Me no hurt boy!"

In 1837 the Parrott and Bateman families, hearing much of the better opportunities, and pleasanter living conditions, to be enjoyed in the distant land of Ohio in the United States, decided on removing to that state. Consequently, in the last days of April, 1837, several families of them took passage by steamboat down the St. Lawrence River, through Lake Erie, to the town of Sandusky in Ohio. In the group which came from New Brunswick to Coshocton County in Ohio was Matthew Bateman, father of Dorendo Bateman Parrott, his son Charles with his family, and probably one of the Bateman cousins. Of this journey the children remembered little, except that it was cold on the boat, with a raw wind blowing, and that Grandfather Parrott walked back and forth all night to keep warm, with little Matthew buttoned inside his coat. Near Sandusky, May 6, 1837, Hestor Ann Parrott was born.

Arriving in Coshocton County, Ohio, John Parrott and his father-in-law, Matthew Bateman, and brother-in-law Charles Bateman, each bought farms near the village of Warsaw on the Walhonding River. Here the families lived and developed homes. Grandfather Bateman kept bees, and his farm became famous for its honey. John Parrott, always religious minded and a zealous Methodist, received "license to exhort". This

meant that in the absence of a regularly ordained minister he was authorized to conduct services. Family worship was a part of every day life in the home of John Parrott. Rugged regard for truth, uncompromising adherence to religious precepts, were instilled into the minds of the children with stern simplicity.

In a letter in verse addressed to her brother William, Lorinda sketches childhood days on the farm near Warsaw:

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember, brother mine, the orchard on the hill,
Where ripening cherries redder grew beside the sparkling rill,
And how, when they were rich and ripe, we did our baskets fill?

Have you forgot the arbor shade where purple clusters hung,
Above our heads as there we played when we were children
young,

And while we there our playhouse made, the birds above us
sung?

And when the mild October days with ripened fruit were
crowned,

And apples sweet, both sour and sweet, came showering to the
ground,

We gathered them with flying feet in gold and silver mound.

When recent rains had spoiled the path that we must tread to
school

Upon your sturdy shoulders, who was borne across the pool?
And who avenged your smarting palm by breaking the ferule?

And the old school ground where they played the much loved
game of ball.

Have you forgot with whom you played, have you forgot
them all?

Have you forgot who used to seek, when "Richard" you
would call?

Have you forgot that brother kind, who was your boyhood's
guide

And confidante? In later years who taught you manly pride,
Taught you to stand for truth and right, whatever should
betide?

Do you remember, brother mine, when eventide would come,
A father's prayers that did ascend from that dear cottage home?
Oh, with what eloquence and tears, he pleaded for his own!

And, brother mine, somehow, I know that father's prayers
and tears

Have all been registered on high, for all the coming years.
Each hath a guardian angel high, in answer to his prayers.

Though in the dear old cottage home, we'll never meet again,
The seed thus sown within our minds will bring forth golden
grain,

And though we may not meet on earth, in heaven we'll meet
again.

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As the boys grew to manhood, they began to talk of going west where land was cheap to make homes for themselves, as the older generation had done before them. The Bateman boys joined with the Parrott cousins in urging that they remove together to a newer country where there would be room for all of them to own good farms. The decision was reached by the group, and in 1859 several families of Batemans and Parrotts removed to Jackson County in Kansas, where they bought land, and where many of their descendants are living at present in and near the town of Holton.

Of the departure of his grandfather, John Parrott, for Kansas, O. C. Brown, of Indianola, Iowa, writes:

Indianola, Iowa, July 6, 1929.

DEAR DAUGHTER GERTRUDE:

You asked me to quote you the little rhyme which Grandfather Parrott composed for me one evening while he was holding me on his knee. I have already told you that Grandfather Parrott and most of the family left their homes in Ohio for Kansas in April, 1859. Well, a few days before they took the train for their western home, Father took a team and spring wagon and drove our family over to pay a parting and farewell visit to Grandfather's. I remember some of the things that took place that day very well. I remember my father driving into the Wallhonding River, which runs close to the town of

Warsaw, and getting out on the wagon tongue to take the bridle reins off the hooks on the backbands of the harness so the horses could bend their heads to drink.

We arrived at the old Parrott farm in due time, and I remember that there was quite a company there; but I do not remember their faces. After night, however, we all sat around a great fireplace in which one or two rather large logs were blazing up so that the room was thoroughly lighted. All were talking and I seem to see Grandmother in my mind's eye, for she was always making a fuss over me. I distinctly remember Grandfather's appearance. That evening was about from the first to the fourth of April. It was cool enough for them to have a fire. Grandfather had his coat off, and I noticed that he had a colored shirt, and I think the back of his waistcoat was of red flannel. His hair was a little long and was gray. He was a heavy man, and I think he would be called chunky. He took me on his knee, and petted and fondled me in a loving and affectionate manner, and after a while he began to compose the little couplet referred to, making my name a part of it. This is what he composed, and he told me to repeat it over after him time and again until I could repeat it, young as I was, and he admonished me that I must never forget it.

"Oswell Chase, by Heaven's Grace,
Will keep the faith and win the race."

It was no doubt suggested to him by the sentence of St. Paul. The couplet has remained in memory like the multiplication table. I shall never forget it while memory serves.

Love, YOUR FATHER.

The journey from Ohio was made by way of the newly constructed railroad to St. Louis. At that point the party found itself members of a large company gathering there all intent upon seeking homes in the new country. They took passage by steamboat from St. Louis to Ft. Leavenworth, where United States troops were engaged in curbing the activities of the restless Indians. Ft. Leavenworth appeared small and inadequate; Indians were to be seen on all sides, sullenly watching the movements of the invaders, a sight which did not add to

the comfort of the women of the party. At Ft. Leavenworth Grandfather Parrott hired teams and wagons to transport the family and goods still farther inland to the location he had chosen in Jackson County, Kansas. The Parrotts and Batemans were active in organizing the county, establishing a church and building schools. Here they settled permanently, lived, labored, prospered, married and died. One of the first enterprises upon their arrival was the building of the first school house in the county—they built it of logs. In it Jane Parrott taught for a time and was the first teacher in the county.

Of the trip to Kansas, to quote Gene Fowler: "It would seem there was a little romancing going on. A man who later became an officer in the Confederate army fell in love with Lizzie. He failed however in his suit. Lizzie married Norman Wheeler, a member of the group that went westward. Another sister, Susan, married Norman's brother, Victor."

John Parrott lived to enjoy his surroundings in Kansas for twenty years. He died in Holton, June 18, 1879. His last words were of deep religious belief and good cheer. He died singing a stanza of the last hymn written by Charles Wesley:

"In age and feebleness extreme,
Who shall a sinful worm redeem?
Jesus, my only hope thou art,
Strength of my life and failing heart.
O, could I catch a smile from thee,
And drop into eternity."

Among John Parrott's accomplishments was the claiming of two large farms from the primeval forest, and the establishment of a third on the Kansas prairie. He was the father of thirteen children, nine of whom were born in New Brunswick; one, Hester Ann, on shipboard on Lake Erie; and three on the farm at Warsaw in Ohio.

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Children of John and Dorendo Parrott

(Record copied from Grandfather Parrott's Bible)

Matthew Parrott, born August 25, 1820; died May, 1831.

John Bateman Parrott, born October 13, 1821.

Jane Parrott, born June 23, 1823.

Sarah Parrott, born March 13, 1825.

Mary Ann Parrott, born December 10, 1829; died in infancy.

Robert Bateman Parrott, born March 13, 1829.

William Karey Parrott, born April 12, 1831.

Dorendo Parrott, born August 13, 1833.

Matthew Bateman Parrott, born April 17, 1835.

Hester Ann Parrott, born May 6, 1837.

Elizabeth Parrott, born November 11, 1841.

Martha M. Parrott, born November 10, 1842.

Susannah Parrott, born November 5, 1844.

John Bateman Parrott

Born October 13, 1821, in New Brunswick, Canada. First Lieutenant in 11th Regiment Kansas Cavalry. Died September 1908, at Ft. Leavenworth. Buried at Ft. Leavenworth with full military honors.

Jane Parrott Maggs

Born June 23, 1823, in New Brunswick; died Oct. 16, 1909, at Alta, Iowa; married John Stewart Maggs, born Oct. 8, 1880, died April 16, 1874. Soon after marriage in Coshocton County, Ohio, John and Jane Parrott Maggs removed to Ft. Des Moines on the Des Moines River in Iowa, where John had a part in building the settlement which was later to become the capital city of Iowa. At the outbreak of the Civil War, John S. Maggs enlisted in Co. A, 39th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served during the conflict. At the close of the war the family settled in Western Iowa. The closing years of their lives were spent at Alta, in Buena Vista County, where both are buried. They were the parents of nine children:

I—CAMILLA MAGGS MILLS, born 1842; died 1930; married Ebal Mills; residence Storm Lake. Children: 1—Della Mills (Higgins); 2—Alma Mills (Collier); 3—Howard Mills; 4—Mabel Mills (Jenkins).

II—SAMUEL CRAWFORD MAGGS, born about 1844; died about 1923; married Marietta Howser; residence, Alta, Iowa. Children: 1—Mertie Maggs (Peterson); 2—Pearl Maggs (); 3—Hazel Maggs (Hill).

III—JOSEPH OSCAR MAGGS, died unmarried in Oregon.

IV—JOHN MAGGS, died in infancy.

V—ROBERT MAGGS, born 1854; died 1862.

VI—WILLIAM BYRON MAGGS, born 1856; died 1912; married Amy Marshall; residence Kansas; minister Methodist Episcopal Church. Children: 1--Pearl Maggs (Miller); Hazel, daughter, was Red Cross nurse with A. E. F. in France.

VII—SEWARD MATTHEW MAGGS, born 1863; died 1890 unmarried.

VIII—DORA JANE MAGGS, born Dec. 15, 1861; married Felix Wessman; present address, 2102 South Clinton St., Sioux City, Iowa. Children: 1--Claire Leslie Wessman, born May 28, 1890; married Clara Ross; children, Dorothy, Donna and Stewart; (2) Florence Davis, one daughter, Bonnie Claire. 2--Earl LeRoy Wessman, born Oct. 15, 1891; married Margaret Ziegler; one son, Newton, residence Sioux Falls, South Dakota. 3--Clifford Guy Wessman, born Jan. 31, 1893; married Florence; residence Sioux City, Iowa; 4--Vera Fern Wessman, born March 31, 1895; married David Peterson; children, Gerald born June 26, 1917; Ardath, born Feb. 14, 1921; residence Primghar, Iowa.

IX—FLORENCE MAGGS, born Feb. 7, 1867; married Almer L. Robinson. Children: 1---Earl Robinson, dispatcher for Santa Fe Railroad at Las Vegas, New Mexico; children, Florence, Earl Jr. and Jeanne. 2---Ina Robinson, married Fred L. Miller, superintendent of public school, parents of one child, Dolores Miller, graduated from High School June, 1933, enters

William Wood College at Fulton. Missouri, September, 1933; 3---Lorraine Robinson, A. E. F. 117th Ammunition Train 42nd Division, enlisted and served during period of war, and was in the army of occupation in Germany several months; married just prior to going overseas; father of one child, Betty; owner and proprietor of grocery business at Iola, Kansas. 4---Glen Robinson, enlisted in regular army at age of 17 years, and was sent to Hawaii, where he served six months; the United States then entered the World War and Glen asked to be transferred to the 36th Division, which had been ordered to France; served with this division during the entire period of the war; married soon after his discharge from the service and is the father of two daughters, Marjorie, born 1921, and Patricia Ann, born 1930; residence, Olivet, Kansas.

Sarah Parrott Frederick

SARAH PARROTT was born March 13, 1826, in New Brunswick; died June 19, 1854, in Coshocton County, Ohio; married John M. Frederick, of Warsaw, born July 13, 1825, in York County, Pennsylvania. At her death Sarah left four small children, Robert C., born Oct. 4, 1847; Dorendo, born Sept. 3, 1849; Martha J. (Willis), born Oct. 6, 1851; William W., born Nov. 8, 1853.

Robert Bateman Parrott

"ROBERT B. PARROTT was born in New Brunswick March 13, 1829; died in Des Moines, Iowa, August 27, 1904. In the fifties he was a prominent member of the bar in Osceola, Clarke County, Iowa. In 1858 he was elected district attorney for the third district and served one term. He removed to Indianola, Iowa, about 1876, where he practiced law. About 1861 he went with others to the West prospecting for gold. He discovered valuable deposits (of copper) and the famous Parrott mine of Butte, Montana, was named for him. He had resided in Des Moines for some years."—From "Notable Deaths", Vol. VII, page 159, Annals of Iowa, 3rd Series.

Robert Bateman Parrott married Mary Jane Dale, who was born Dec. 16, 1837; died Nov. 5, 1921. Robert Parrott and Mary, his wife, are buried in Indianola, where they lived for

many years, and where Robert Parrott practiced law. They were the parents of five children:

I—ANNETTE PARROTT married Don Tarleton. Residence, 1233 Tenth Street, Des Moines. Annette is a pianist of exceptional ability, and for many years has been a successful teacher of piano. Don Tarleton is a member of the Cownie Glove Company, of Des Moines. They are the parents of one child, Bess, born May 31, 1891; married June 9, 1913, in Des Moines, to Donald Swayne; their two children are Virginia and Dorothy Swayne.

II—EMMA PARROTT married Walter Peck, for many years a member of the Swan and Peck Grocery Company of Indianola, Iowa. They were the parents of two daughters: Louise Peck, of Santa Barbara, California, and Grace Peck, who is the wife of Ray Young and the mother of two girls, Mary and Martha Young.

III—ROBERT WALTER PARROTT was born Aug, 28, 1870, married Mary Jones July 15, 1898. They are the parents of two sons, Don Bateman Parrott, who was born June 4, 1900; married Mary Jeols; two children: Robert, born Feb. 26, 1926, and Donna, born May 23, 1932. The second son of Robert W. Parrott is David Alfred, born March 11, 1907; married Ethel Sullivan Oct. 29, 1927; one child, David Walter, born March 30, 1931. The R. W. Parrott home is at Gardena, California.

IV—FRED PARROTT, born March 6, 1877; married Florence Kitchen.

V—DON PARROTT, born Sept. 10, 1880, married July, 1904, to Blanche Clapper. At present is building inspector for the City of Des Moines. One son, Ralph, born March 27, 1907, married Verna Wilson Feb. 12, 1933. Residence, Des Moines, Iowa.

William Karey Parrott

WILLIAM KAREY PARROTT was born April 12, 1831, in New Brunswick; died April 21, 1906, in Sacramento, California; married Lydia Farson, born 1832, died June 19, 1900. Parents of seven children:

I—HOWARD, died at age of two years.

II—DORA, died at the age of two years.

III—OREA MAY PARROTT, born 1858; died May 16, 1891; married J. W. Marshall; son, Melville Marshall.

IV—KAREY LEE PARROTT, born 1862.

V—AMANDA EMARETTE, born Dec. 16, 1865. City Librarian, Sacramento. California, music critic and composer, author of a volume of poems, "Library Windows".

VI—EVA PARROTT, born 1868; died February, 1891.

VII—GRACE PARROTT, born 1872; died 1874.

Lorinda Parrott Brown

DORENDON PARROTT was born Aug. 13, 1833, in New Brunswick, Canada; died in West Bedford, Coshocton County, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1900; married GEORGE JACKSON BROWN at her father's home at Warsaw, Coshocton County, Oct. 4, 1854; immediately began housekeeping in a log house which George J. Brown had bought in West Bedford, where he was engaged in business with his brother-in-law, C. F. Moore. In 1860 "the new house" was built on the same lot with the old one. In this new home Lorinda Parrott Brown lived the remaining years of her life and in this home her death occurred. Although Dorendon was her given name, and is so recorded by her father in the family Bible, she was always called Lorinda.

GEORGE JACKSON BROWN, born Oct. 7, 1825, in Jefferson County, Ohio, and died March 12, 1903, in West Bedford, was a lineal descendant of GEORGE BROWN, of Carroll County, Maryland, who received a grant of land on Pipe Creek in 1743. George Brown, who came to the colonies from England, was the father of COLONEL RICHARD BROWN, who served with Washington in the Revolutionary forces and who later owned land, including Brown's Island in the Ohio River, in Brooke County, Virginia. ARTHUR BROWN, son of Col. Richard Brown, settled on land near

old Bloomfield, now Bloomingdale, in Jefferson County, Ohio. This farm remained in the Brown family for two generations, and on it both STEPHEN BROWN and his son George Jackson Brown were born. Arthur Brown and his son Stephen are both buried in the old Methodist burial ground near the present town of Bloomingdale.

Lorinda Parrott Brown and George Jackson Brown were the parents of nine children: Oswell Chase, Sarah Pauline, William, Elmer E., Anna, Dora, Hortensia, Robert Grant, and Howard.

I---OSWELL CHASE BROWN, born Sept. 17, 1855; married Jennie Hamilton April 24, 1879, in Indianola, Warren County, Iowa. Jennie was the daughter of Minerva Hallam Hamilton, and grand-daughter of David Hallam of Indianola. Oswell Chase Brown left his home in Ohio and came to Indianola, arriving there April 15, 1876. He taught district school in Warren County while reading law and was admitted to the bar August 22, 1878. He entered the law office of Creighton and Hayes, where he worked until his election to the office of county auditor; he served two terms and declined the nomination for the third term to return to his legal practice. On the same grounds he refused the Republican nomination for state representative in 1887. In 1890 he was elected county attorney, serving two terms. He is a contributor to law journals. The O. C. Brown residence on West Ashland Avenue in Indianola has been the family home for forty-five years. It houses what is said to be one of the finest private libraries in Iowa. Oswell Chase Brown and Jennie Hamilton Brown were the parents of three children: Robert Cooper, Lulu Gertrude, and Margaret May:

1---ROBERT COOPER BROWN was born December 6, 1880; died Oct. 10, 1901; member of Class of 1902 of Simpson College at Indianola; his work as cartoonist appeared regularly in Indianola Record and in college publications: he designed the seal which is used by the Simpson College.

2---LULU GERTRUDE BROWN was born August. 25, 1883; A. B. degree Simpson 1904; married (1) June 22, 1904, James

Clyde Smith, born March 18, 1881, in Fremont, Iowa; died March 17, 1925, in Indianola, Iowa. Two children, Margaret Dorothy and Barbara Ruth were born to Gertrude and Clyde Smith:

a—MARGARET DOROTHY SMITH was born April 1, 1905, in Des Moines; graduated from the Central High School in Sioux City June 9, 1922; student at Simpson College 1924-25; married Donald Edwin Grant in Indianola August 8, 1925. Parents of one child, Barbara Jean, born Sept. 17, 1926, in Evanston, Illinois. Second marriage, John Harrison Gihon, in Chicago, Dec. 21, 1930.

b—BARBARA RUTH SMITH, born Nov. 8, 1912, at Logan, Iowa; graduated from Central High School at Sioux City, June, 1929; received A. B. degree from the Nebraska State Teachers College, May 21, 1933.

Gertrude Brown Smith second marriage: Ralph A. Henderson, born in Rodney, Iowa; served overseas in 313 Supply Train, Co. D., 88th Division. Residence, 813 Twenty-fifth Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

3---MARGARET MAY BROWN, third child of Oswell Chase and Jennie Hamilton Brown, was born in Indianola April 18, 1885; died in Des Moines Jan. 10, 1933; married in Indianola to George Goode, born Sept. 5, 1914. Parents of two children:

a—George Brown Goode was born in Chariton, Iowa, June 27, 1915. Graduated from Roosevelt High School, in Des Moines, February, 1933.

b—Gertrude Jeanette Goode, born March 22, 1913, in Des Moines, Iowa.

II—SARAH PAULINE BROWN, born April 26, 1857, in West Bedford, Ohio; married Dean Simkins, at that time Superintendent of schools at Marietta, Ohio, and at present holding the same position in San Diego, California. He is the author of scientific text books for use in High schools. Pauline Brown Simkins is an artist and author. They are the parents of two sons, Howard Dana and Don Carlton:

1--Howard Dana Simkins, born May 2, 1884; married Hazel Bradley; parents of one son, Howard Bradley Simkins, born September, 1916. Howard Dana Simkins attended Iowa State

University, and later Dennison University, where he received his degree. He is vice-president and factory manager of the Superior Screw and Bolt Mfg Co. of Cleveland, Ohio. They own a fine residence at 2482 Kingston Road, Cleveland Heights.

2---Don Carlton Simkins, born Oct. 14, 1890; graduated from State Normal College at Bowling Green, Ohio; received degrees at Dennison and Columbia Universities. He was a member of A. E. F. stationed at Beaume, France. Upon his return to the United States he married, and has a daughter, Laura Emily Pauline, born July, 1926. He is Superintendent of Centralized Schools at Mount Cory, Ohio.

III---WILLIAM BROWN, third child of Lorinda Parrott Brown and George Brown, born in West Bedford, Ohio, May 9, 1859; died June 5, 1920; unmarried; enlisted Sept. 15, 1881, in Co. E, 5th Inf. for service in the Indian disturbances in the Northwest; because of impaired health from exposure while on duty he was honorably discharged April 5, 1882.

IV---ELMER ELLSWORTH BROWN, born June 4, 1861; died Jan. 11, 1929; married Emma Ellis, born Feb. 7, 1865, in Trumansburg, N. Y.; taught school and later entered the ministry; residence, Trumansburg, N. Y.; three children:

1---Ethel Esther Brown, born Sept. 26, 1889; married..... Swart; children: Harold S. Swart, born Dec. 3, 1899; residence Schenectady, N. Y.; Ruth L. Swart, born Feb. 13, 1911.

2---Gratia Lucile Brown was born June 24, 1893; married..... Mungle; two children: Barbara Jean Mungle, born July 19, 1917; Donald Stanley Mungle, born Oct. 26, 1922; residence 308 East Marshall Street, Ithica, N. Y.

3---Ellis Worth Brown, born April 13, 1898; served overseas with A. E. F.; journalist; residence, Trumansburg, N. Y.

V---ANNA BROWN, born in West Bedford Sept. 27, 1863; married August Isern in Wapakeneta, Ohio, Jan. 19, 1912; A. F. Isern deceased 1926; residence of Mrs. Isern, 3674 Forty-first Street, East San Diego, California.

VI---DORA BROWN, born in West Bedford, Ohio, Jan. 6, 1865; married Andrew B. Conner in Holton, Kansas, Feb. 9,

1888. Parents of one son, Ralph Brown Conner, born Nov. 16, 1890; residence 2447 Dunkeld Place, Denver, Colorado.

VII---HORTENSIA BROWN, born in West Bedford, June 17, 1869; married Raymond W. Overholser; residence, Baldwin, Michigan.

VIII---ROBERT GRANT BROWN, born June 13, 1871, in West Bedford; married Byrd Mardin, who died in 1929 in Rome, Georgia; one child, Gladys, born about 1916.

IX---HOWARD BROWN, born in West Bedford June 17, 1875; died Dec. 14, 1910, at St. Anthony's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio; buried at West Bedford.

Matthew Bateman Parrott 2032760

MATTHEW BATEMAN PARROTT, the ninth child of Dorendo Bateman Parrott and John Parrott, was born in New Brunswick April 17, 1835; died in Holton, Kansas, Nov. 27, 1901; married Melissa Darling, born April 27, 1836; died May 28, 1905. Their children were: Anna, died Jan. 5, 1865, aged two years; John H. died Oct. 9, 1867, age six months; Robert; Matthew; Isaac; Dora, married F. P. Rainey, residence 805 Fremont Street, Manhattan, Kansas; Elizabeth, married Oct. 20, 1909, to W. L. Fischer, of Soldier, Kansas; Elizabeth died March 11, 1932; a son, George Parrott, lives at Manhattan.

Hester Ann Parrott

HESTER ANN PARROTT was born on shipboard on Lake Erie May 6, 1837; died May 25, 1875, in Kansas; married John Walton, born April 8, 1834, in Crawfordsville, Indiana; died March 14, 1880, in Holton; they were the parents of six children, all deceased: John, James, Jack, May, Nina, and Mattie, who died in 1882, age 18 years.

Elizabeth Parrott Wheeler

ELIZABETH PARROTT was born November 11, 1841, at Warsaw, Coshocton County, Ohio; died July 30, 1863; married Norman Wheeler, born March 20, 1839, in West Carlisle, Ohio.

Residence for many years in Denver; both died and are buried there. Parents of one son: Dewey Wheeler, and a daughter, Susie Wheeler, who married ----- Fowler, and who was the mother of Gene Fowler. Dewey Wheeler married Etta -----; three children: 1---Ruth, a pianist of unusual ability, present address is Mrs. Ruth Wheeler Dickenson, 1828 West 39th Place, Los Angeles, California; 2---Adelbert; 3---Grace. The daughter of Elizabeth and Norman Wheeler died, leaving her small son Gene, who was cared for by the grandmother. With due apologies to Gene for quoting from a personal letter, no finer portrait of "Aunt Lizzie" can be presented than in a paragraph written by her grandson: "To begin with, 'Aunt Lizzie' was the woman who reared me. How well she did this is beside the point. By knowing her---and indeed I did, from the ground up---I actually knew all her kith and kin, directly and indirectly. She was strong in every way; strong in body (although she often voiced the old pioneer plaint: 'I'll never live to see another spring'), strong in mind, howbeit uneducated in the academic sense, and strong in spirit. Of the three I always admired the spiritual vigor most. By that I do refer to her belief that God was in His Heaven, although the people of earth were having a hell of a time of it. I mean she was 'game' and optimistic during times of travail."

Gene Fowler began his career as a writer on the Denver Post, where his lyrics gained for him a wide following. His first novel, "Trumpet in the Dust", was published in 1930, and its success immediately placed the author in the front rank of American writers. A second novel, "Shoe the Wild Mare", was published the following year. His third success is "The Great Mouthpiece".

Martha Parrott Drake

MARTHA PARROTT was born Nov. 10, 1842; died April 12, 1909, in Holton, Kansas; married George W. Drake, born Sept. 8, 1834; died July 16, 1899; member Co. B, 11th Kansas Cavalry. Children: Mrs. Maude Drake Buckner; Mrs. Katherine Drake Schoonmaker; Robert Zale Drake.

The "American Magazine" for February, 1928, carries an article on Robert Zale Drake and his business, The Standard Bridge Company of Omaha. Following is an excerpt:

"Robert Z. Drake is one of the most remarkable and interesting men you ever read about. They say you can't ride more than an hour in the Middle West without crossing a bridge he has built. Yet relatively few people know him. He prefers obscurity. Money, to him, is something to be used in work, not spent on luxurious living. Bridge building is one of the most intensely practical occupations in the world; but Drake, one of the greatest of bridge builders, is essentially an idealist. He has the soul of a dreamer, of a poet. Here is what he says: 'I've yet to construct a bridge that completely satisfies me. Every one I put up was the best bridge I could build at that time; but I know that not one of them is the best bridge that can be built. I am always seeking to find that 'best bridge'---and I guess I will go to my grave still seeking it.'" The author of the article further comments: "Drake introduced the standardized bridge in the West, and thus brought the costs of bridge building within the means of young and struggling settlements."

The children of Robert Z. Drake: Grace Drake, married Gottardo Tenchini; one daughter, Annette Tenchini. Mary Drake, married Peter Kiewit; a daughter, Jean Kiewit, and a son, Peter Kiewit, Jr.

Susannah Parrott Wheeler

SUSANNAH PARROTT, the youngest child of Dorendo and John Parrott, was born Nov. 5, 1844, in Warsaw, Ohio; died June 27, 1908, in Holton, Kansas; married Victor Wheeler, brother of Norman Wheeler; three children: 1---Robert Victor Wheeler, born Jan. 18, 1870, in Holton, Kansas; 2---Dora Florence Wheeler, born Jan. 25, 1873, in Kansas; 3---Martha Virginia Wheeler, born Dec. 11, 1880. Martha Wheeler taught in the Haskell Indian School in Kansas; securing a position in the Government Prohibition Service she has been connected with the Chicago office, where she is at the present time. Dora Florence Wheeler resides in the family home at Holton, Kansas.

The Bateman Family

The Bateman family is descended from a Bateman who came to Ireland with the forces of William of Orange, and for his part in the Battle of the Boyne received a grant of land from William. Whether this is the same estate which is held by the Bateman family near Rochelaren, County Cork, Ireland, has not been determined. However, a Bateman is the present owner of the farm upon which Dorendo Bateman, who became the wife of John Parrott after they had emigrated to New Brunswick, was born Oct. 25, 1799. Her father, Matthew Bateman, and a brother or cousin, Swanton Bateman, came to America in 1816 in the same sailing vessel, it is said, which brought the Parrott brothers, John and Matthew. The ship met rough weather and was blown from its course; six weeks were consumed in making the crossing. The party landed at St. Johns. The Bateman brothers remained near St. Johns, while the Parrotts settled on the Bay of Chaleur, near the village of Bathurst. Charles Bateman, a second cousin, married Dorendo Bateman's sister Sarah. Charles Bateman was born near Bandon in Ireland, Dec. 11, 1811.

Charles and Sarah Bateman were the parents of five boys, one of whom, Robert Bateman, is living in Holton at the present time. There were eight children in the family of Matthew Bateman and Sarah Sutton Bateman, two boys and six girls.

Besides the two girls already mentioned, Dorendo who married John Parrott and Sarah who married her second cousin Charles Bateman, another sister, Martha, married Isaac Heaton and they lived on a farm near Warsaw, Ohio.

Matthew Bateman and his wife, Sarah Sutton Bateman, also lived near Warsaw, and are buried in the plot known as the "Parrott burial ground" on the old Parrott farm in Coshocton County, Ohio. Grandmother Sutton is also said to be buried there.

THE END

ADDENDA

Matthew Byron Parrott

MATTHEW BYRON PARROTT, ninth child of Dorendo Bateman Parrott and John Parrott, was born in Bathurst, New Brunswick, April 17, 1835; died at Tryon, Oklahoma, Nov. 27, 1901; buried in Holton, Kansas. He was married to Melissa Darling, born April 27, 1836; died May 28, 1905. Matthew was twenty-four years old when the Parrott family removed from Coshockton County in Ohio to their future home in Jackson County, Kansas. Young and energetic he played a leading part in the early settlement of Holton. He located on land two miles north of Holton, which he developed into one of the choicest farms in Jackson County, where he lived until his own sons grew to manhood and went westward to make homes for themselves as their father and grandfathers had done before them, and as his own father done when he left the home by the Walhonding in Ohio, so Matthew in 1893 left his home at Holton and went westward to Tryon, Oklahoma, to be with his boys. Melissa Darling Parrott and Matthew Byron Parrott were the parents of nine children: Dora, Anna Welmina, John Howard, William K., Isaac Darling, George W., Robert Walter, Matthew Byron, and Elizabeth May:

I—DORA PARROTT, born Sept. 2, 1860; married F. P. Ramey Sept. 9, 1880. They were the parents of three children: Roscoe Franklin, Coral Josephine, and Ethel Mae.

a—Roscoe Franklin Ramey, born April 1, 1882; married Bernice Hurst, born Oct. 11, 1889; died Feb. 5, 1918; parents of two children: Roger Dean, born Oct. 12, 1914, and Frances Bernice, born Aug. 28, 1917. The children and their father reside with the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ramey, 805 Fremont Street, Manhattan, Kansas.

b—Coral Josephine Ramey, born May 30, 1884; married Howard S. Ramey. Parents of two daughters: Edith La Verne, born Apr. 24, 1910, and Marjorie Elizabeth, born Aug. 7, 1911; residence, 720 Leavenworth Street, Manhattan, Kansas.

c—Ethel Mae Ramey, born Sept. 2, 1891. Residence at 805 Fremont Street, Manhattan, Kansas.

II—ANNA WELMINA PARROTT, died at two years.

III—JOHN HOWARD PARROTT, died in infancy.

IV—WILLIAM K. PARROTT, born Dec. 26, 1867; married Belle Winn, March 20, 1895. They are the parents of five children: Guy, Ethel, Morris, Glenn, and Ray:

a—Guy Parrott, born Jan. 16, 1896; married Katharine

Lyons, Nov. 27, 1919. Parents of two children: Roger, and Doris Gene. Residence, Wellston, Oklahoma. Guy Parrott was a member of the A. E. F. during the World War.

b—Ethel Parrott, born Sept. 13, 1899; married Cecil Dean, May 20, 1922. They are the parents of three children: Annabelle, Billy, and Donald. Residence, 436 S. Roosevelt Street, Wichita, Kansas.

c—Morris Parrott, born Sept. 5, 1905; married Sept. 12, 1925, to Calleda Williams. They have one child, Luella. Residence, Wellston, Oklahoma.

d—Glenn Parrott, born Oct. 19, 1913, at home.

e—Ray Parrott, born May 15, 1919. at home.

V—ISAAC DARLING PARROTT, fifth child of Melissa Darling Parrott and Matthew B. Parrott, was born May 10, 1868; died July 21, 1910. Married Vernie E. Stream. They were parents of three children: Hazel La Rue, Electa Marie, and Clarence Everett.

a—Hazel La Rue Parrott, married March 18, 1916, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Stowell E. Parrish. Hazel is a school teacher; her husband is an electrical engineer. They have one child, Sibyl Anita Parrish, born June 27, 1919, at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Residence, 411 E. Lincoln Ave., Warren, Pa.

b—Electa Marie Parrott, born March 9, 1896; married at Claremore, Oklahoma, Aug. 27, 1917, to Edgar Merton Woody. They are the parents of one child, Edward Merton Woody, born June 11, 1918, in Kansas City, Missouri.

c—Clarence Everett ("Ted") Parrott was born August 21, 1903; married June 17, 1921, at Sapulpa, to Kathryn Welker. Parents of one child, Thomas Welker Parrott, born Sept. 7, 1923, at Bristow, Oklahoma. Residence, Casa Grande Hotel, Elk City, Oklahoma.

VI—GEORGE W. PARROTT, born Dec. 29, 1870; married Jan. 24, 1906, to Nellie V. Bumgardner, born Aug. 16, 1875. Parents of three children: Luella Gertrude, Edythe La Verne, and William Floyd.

a—Luella Gertrude Parrott, born Jan. 19, 1907.

b—Edythe La Verne Parrott, born Sept. 13, 1908.

c—William Floyd Parrott, born Oct. 17, 1914.

Residence, Manhattan, Kansas, Route 8.

VII—ROBERT WALTER PARROTT, died at eight months.

VIII—MATTHEW BYRON PARROTT, died in infancy.

IX—ELIZABETH MAY PARROTT, born March 3, 1877; died in Manhattan, Kansas, March 11, 1932; married Oct. 20, 1909, to W. L. Fisher. Buried at Holton, Kansas. No children.

